



## Back to School Ceremony

8 guides to a great year!



**CROWN RING:** You are a child of God! Isn't that amazing? You were created in His image. Even more than we love and want to take care of you, your Heavenly Parents love and want to take care of you. Talk to Heavenly Father every chance you get! Share your worries with Him. Ask Him for anything. He is always just a prayer away.



**FLASHLIGHT:** Because you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, you have a special light within you. Every kind, helpful, obedient choice you make will draw your friends, teachers, classmates, and everyone around you closer to Jesus Christ. Your light is a powerful force for good. Share your light.

**KEY:** One of the reasons you came to earth is to learn everything you possibly can. Education is the key to unlocking your future, on earth and in eternity. God gave you an incredible brain that is capable of learning more than you can comprehend right now. Sometimes learning is hard, but remember these three things:



- 1 – Your teachers and us (your parents) will do everything we can to help you learn.
- 2 – Sometimes your brain will understand big chunks at a time, and sometimes it will only understand tiny nuggets. Both are ok! Go at whatever pace works for you. Be patient with yourself.
- 3 – Look back every once in a while to see how far you've come! You used to not even know the names of the colors. Now look at what you know!

(Caution: Sometimes books and teachers are wrong. The Holy Ghost is the only teacher who is 100% right 100% of the time. Listen to Him. Also remember, the most important teachers in your life are your parents and the Holy Ghost, everyone else is bonus.)



**TROPHY:** God sent you to earth with distinct talents. They belong to you, but they are meant to be shared. Some of them are obvious and some are hidden. Discover your talents, be grateful for them and develop them. They will be some of your greatest blessings.



**COMPASS:** God sent you here as part of His incredible Plan of Happiness. Mixed in with the joy, excitement, beauty, wonder and love of life, you will also experience confusion, frustration, ugliness, sadness, and pain. Know that because of Jesus Christ there is always hope and light. He can get you through anything, so keep pressing on, following the path, and enduring to the end. The reward will be unbelievable!



**SOLDIER:** Satan is real. He wants you to be miserable like he is. He will do everything he can to tempt you to follow him. That's why it's so important to put your armor on every day. Say your prayers, read and follow the word of God, love others. You are in God's army and He is infinitely more powerful! Because of Jesus Christ, He has already won this war. Stay on His team and you will always be safe. You will make mistakes, but Jesus is always ready to help you get back up again.



**MOOD RING:** You can be happy or you can be grumpy. It's up to you. Sometimes you will have hard days, but if you have an attitude of gratitude things will always go better. See the good in others. See the good in yourself. Remember how loved you are! Find joy in the journey.



**STUFFED ANIMAL:** We love you! We are here for you no matter what. You can come to us about anything. We are your cheerleaders, your listening ears, your shoulders to cry on. We are not here to make your life easier, or take your challenges away, but to help you reach your potential. At the heart of everything we do is our love for you. We will make mistakes, but we will always keep trying. We hope you will trust us and find comfort in us.

We love you forever,